IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE rre Application of: . Docket No.: DN2003111) Confirmation No.: 9278 Rene Jean Zimmer, et al. Art Unit: 1713 Examiner: Ling-Siu Choi For: A RUBBER COMPOSITION CONTAINING NANOSCALED ZINC I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **OXIDE PARTICLES** first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, PO Serial No.: 10/631,045 Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the Filed: July 29, 2003) /// day of August, 2004. Mail Stop Amendments Commissioner for Patents P O Box 1450

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, no paper number given, Applicants respond as follows.